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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Reasons for Rejection dated July 3, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-024750, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 9-046678 A, together with an English language Abstract and the same;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 7-264092 A, together with an English language Abstract and the same, and patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,527;
and
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-257466 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Reasons for Rejection.

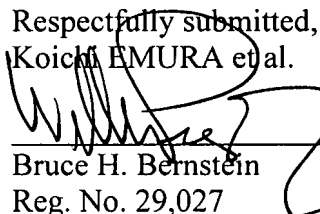
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translation, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Reasons for Rejection and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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